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SUBJECT: RECIPROCAL EXEMPTION FROM CUSTOMS DUTIES
ON AIRCRAFT SUPPLIES

1. SECTIONS 309 AND 317 OF THE TARIFF ACT OF 1930, AS AMENDED, PROVIDE THAT AIRCRAFT OF FOREIGN REGISTRY MAY RECEIVE EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF UNITED STATES CUSTOMS DUTIES, AND INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES IMPOSED BY REASON OF IMPORTATION, ON SUPPLIES IMPORTED FOR USE IN THEIR INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS TO AND FROM THE UNITED STATES. EXEMPTION IS GRANTED ON THE BASIS OF A FINDING BY THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE THAT THE FOREIGN COUNTRY IN QUESTION ACCORDS "SUBSTANTIALLY RECIPROCAL PRIVILEGES" TO AIRCRAFT OF UNITED STATES REGISTRY.

2. AIRCRAFT SUPPLIES INCLUDE FUELS AND LUBRICANTS, COMMISARY AND OTHER CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES, SPARE PARTS, AND GROUND EQUIPMENT.

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3. THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN ENTERED INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 9, 1974.

4. TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR AN APPROPRIATE FINDING, THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN THE CUSTOMS TREATMENT ACCORDED TO UNITED STATES AIRLINES SERVING IRAN WITH RESPECT TO EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF CUSTOMS DUTIES AND IMPORT-RELATED TAXES (E.G., COMPENSATORY IMPORT TAXES, OR THE LIKE) ON IMPORTED AIRCRAFT SUPPLIES REFERRED TO ABOVE.

5. CITATION TO RELEVANT STATUTES OR REGULATIONS WOULD BE APPRECIATED, IF READILY AVAILABLE. IN ADDITION, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE ANY INFORMATION THE LOCAL OFFICES OF U.S. FLAG AIR CARRIERS MAY BE ABLE TO FURNISH AS THE CUSTOMS TREATMENT THEY ACTUALLY RECEIVE WITH RESPECT TO IMPORTED AIRCRAFT SUPPLIES.

6. IRAN AIR PLANS TO INAUGURATE SCHEDULED SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES MAY 15, 1975, CHARTER FLIGHTS ARE ALREADY IN OPERATION. THEREFORE THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE ITS REPLY. KISSINGER

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